

Record of Decision
and
Finding of No Significant Impact
for
Somers FAS Parking Expansion
Environmental Assessment

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Region 1
490 N. Meridian Road
Kalispell, MT 59901

April 27, 2005

Description of the Proposed Action:

The proposed action is to grant funding through the Motorboat Enhancement Program to Flathead County for the purpose of expanding the parking area at the Somers swim area.

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposes to grant \$35,000 to Flathead County Parks and Weeds for the purpose of expanding the vehicle/boat trailer parking, to establish/maintain greenbelt vegetation to intercept runoff from the expanded parking area, and to develop a paved trail to control pedestrian/bicycle traffic in the area of the boat ramp.

Public Comment:

No public comment was received on this EA; however, public comment was received during the grant writing/approval process.

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

Based on the analysis in the environmental assessment (EA), I find funding this project through Motorboat Enhancement Program to be the preferred alternative, with the modifications to the parking area as outlined in the final environmental assessment. I have evaluated the EA and applicable laws, regulations, and policies and have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

Copies of the final environmental assessment and/or the record of decision (ROD) and FONSI may be obtained from FWP, 490 N. Meridian Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, or the FWP web site at fwp.mt.gov. Please direct requests and questions to:

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In accordance with FWP policy, an appeal may be made by any person who has either commented in writing to the department on the proposed project, or who has registered or commented orally at a public meeting held by the department on the proposed project, or who can provide new evidence that would otherwise change the proposed plan. An appeal must be submitted to the Director of FWP in writing and must be postmarked or received within 30 days of this decision notice. The appeal must describe the basis for the appeal, how the appellant has previously commented to the department or participated in the decision-making process, and how the department can provide relief. The appeal should be mailed to: Director, FWP, 1420 East 6th Ave., Helena, MT 59620.

Jim Satterfield
Regional Supervisor

Date